

HB 751 -- MISSOURI PROPANE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COUNCIL

SPONSOR: Schad

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Energy and Environment by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding the Missouri Propane Education and Research Council. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Removes the provision allowing the director of the council to initiate a referendum on the abolishment of the council;
- (2) Removes the director's authority to:
 - (a) Fill council vacancies;
 - (b) Approve or modify council budgets. The council will approve or modify the budget after a 30-day public comment period;
 - (c) Require additional reports from the council; and
 - (d) Establish alternative means to collect the odorized propane fee and establish late payment charges; and
- (3) Removes the provision allowing the National Propane Education and Research Council to establish a program in coordination with the Missouri council regarding rebates on propane fees collected by the national council.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that it is better to have the council govern itself instead of by the Department of Natural Resources.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schad; and Steve Ahrens, Missouri Propane Gas Association

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.